

SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 1609**  
**95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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Reported from the Committee on the Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence, April 15, 2010, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 517.081, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to assignment of associate circuit judges.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 517.081, RSMo, is repealed and one new section  
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 517.081, to read as follows:

517.081. A case [shall] **may** be certified for assignment by the presiding  
2 judge of the circuit or in accordance with local rules when:

3 (1) A party files a petition, a counterclaim, cross claim or third-party  
4 petition that independently exceeds the jurisdiction of cases triable under this  
5 chapter; or

6 (2) Consolidation of cases appears proper, and such consolidation would  
7 result in a claim exceeding the jurisdictional limit of [the division] **this chapter**.

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**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**